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FOR THE SECRETARY; ARA - AMBASSADOR TODMAN

FROM USDEL OASGA

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TAGS: PORG OAS SHUM
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS AT OASGA MORNING SESSION JUNE 21

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1. SIXTEEN MEMBER WORKING GROUP UNDER COMMITTEE I MET
AT 9 AM JUNE 21 TO CONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON ANNUAL
IAHRC REPORT, SPECIAL REPORT ON CHILE AND US/VEN/CR/DOMREP
PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. WORKING GROUP DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF MEXICAN/
VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION ON IAHRC ANNUAL REPORT WHEN BRAZIL,
ARGENTINA, URUGUAY OBJECTED TO EXCESSIVELY NEGATIVE
TONE OF INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE
LA COLINA SAID HE WOULD REDRAFT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF
SOUTHERN CONE CRITICISM. US STATED INTRODUCTION COULD
NOT BE TOO POSITIVE IF IT WERE TO REFLECT REALITY. DE
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LA COLINA ASSURES US HE WILL MODIFY SLIGHTLY AND
RE-TABLE LATER TODAY. WE AGREED IN ORDER NOT TO
WASTE TIME ON MINOR POINT BUT ALLOW WORKING GROUP
TO GET ON WITH MAJOR RESOLUTIONS.

3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON IAHRC REPORT ON
CHILE ALSO DEFERRED. VENEZUELA, JAMAICA, AND US HAVE

NEGOTIATED MINOR CHANGES IN VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION, AD
REFERENDUM TO FONMIN CARVAJAL, BY WHICH CHILE NO LONGER
SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL REPORT BUT IS REQUIRED TO REPORT
TO IAHC BEFORE NEXT GA ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE.
BARRING LAST MINUTE REJECTION BY CARVAJAL, WHO IS
UNHAPPY WITH REFERENCE TO CONTINUING VIOLATIONS, THIS
SHOULD PASS OVERWHELMINGLY, PERHAPS WITH A FEW RESERVATIONS.

4. US/VENEZUELA/CR/DOM REP DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS CO-
SPONSORED IN WORKING GROUP BY JAMAICA/BARBADOS WHO
OFFERED FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT OTHER COSPONSORS
THEN ACCEPTED. ARGENTINE DRAFT (MIXING TERRORISM WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS) AND COLOMBIA DRAFT (JIBING AT US, CRITICIZING
IAHC AND PROPOSING PERMANENT COUNCIL SHOULD STUDY ITS
OPERATIIONS) ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION. CLEAR FROM
INITIAL DEBATE THAT US SPONSORED RESOLUTION HAD SUPPORT
OF SIX DELEGATIONS (VEN, CR, JAMAICA, BARBADOS, DOM REP,
MEXICO). COLOMBIA, FORCED BY INSTRUCTIONS, PUSHED
LIEVANO DRAFT. ECUADOR AND NICARAGUA INITIALLY FAVORED
MELDING ALL THREE RESOLUTIONS. OPPOSED TO US DRAFT:
ARGENTIAN, BRAZIL, CHILE, URUGUAY, EL SALVADOR. WORKING
GROUP CHAIRMAN (MARCHAND - PERU) PROPOSED COMBINING
THREE DRAFTS AND SINGLED OUT SIX MAJOR IDEAS FOUND IN
ONE, TWO, OR ALL THREE:

A. COMMEND IAHC (COMMON)
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B. COOPERATE WITH IAHC (COMMON)

C. OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND IAHC
(ARGENTINA) -- ADD TERRORISM AS RESPONSIBILITY
OF COMMISSION.

D. ORDER PERMENENT COUNCIL TO STUDY OPERATIONS OF
IAHC (ARGENTINA/COLOMBIA)

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT EXCUSE VIOLATIONS
(US, ETC.)

F. TAKE ACCOUNT OF STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN ANALYZING
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION (COLOMBIA)

MARCHAND PROPOSED SECRETARIAT SYNTYESIZE SIX MAJOR IDEAS
IN ONE DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR WORKING GROUP TO STUDY.
MOST DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THIS IDEA AND SECRETARIAT
DRAFTED SINGLE RESOLUTION.

5. IN KEEPING WITH STRONG POSITION VOICED BY VENEZUELA,

MEXICO, JAMAICA, PANAMA AND ECUADOR, US OPPOSED ANY INCLUSION OF TERRORISM, WHICH WE INSISTED WAS DEALT WITH IN THE DOM REP RESOLUTION PASSED LAST NIGHT. USDEL ALSO REJECTED ANY CRITICISM OF IAHC OF CALL FOR ITS "RESTRUCTURING".

6. PARAGRAPH IN OUR DRAFT THAT CAUSED MOST CONCERN FOR SOME DELEGATIONS WAS AUTOMATIC IAHC VISITS. NOT ONLY THOSE OPPOSING US BUT SUPPORTERS LIKE MEXICO, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA SPOKE AGAINST "MISCHIEVOUS TOURISM" IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS IN WORKING GROUP, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED MODIFICATION OF IAHC VISIT CLAUSE. VISITS PROPOSAL WILL TAKE TWO OR THREE YEARS TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE. WE HAVE NOW INTRODUCED IDEA BUT BELIEVE IT IS BETTER TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE RATHER THAN CONFIDENTIAL

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INSIST ON CONTROVERSIAL LANGUAGE THAT IS SURE TO BE OUTVOTED OVERWHELMINGLY.

7. WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN IN NEARLY CONTINUOUS SESSION SINCE 9 AM AND WILL PROBABLY REACH CONCLUSION IN LATE EVENING, WITH SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS FORWARDED TO COMMITTEE I IMMEDIATELY FOR VOTE TONIGHT. COMMITTEE I COULD CONTINUE IN SESSION UNTIL MIDNIGHT OR LATER. IF RESOLUTIONS ARE VOTED, FINAL PLENARY AND END OF GA COULD COME BY NOON TOMORROW.
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